

LANARK COUNTY & MISSISSIPPI MILLS

With some of Eastern Ontario's best riding, and located just west of Ottawa and nearby province of Quebec, hitting the road and getting to know Lanark County pedalling the following two fully paved routes will be a top experience. While never too far from the few larger and pretty towns in the area, it will be easy to enjoy that far away feeling and concentrate on the ride at hand before circling back to the day's staging area, and nearby après ride refreshments, accommodations and cool down.

RIDE DAY 1: MISSISSIPPI MILLS EXPLORER

Total Distance: 83km

Experience Level: Experienced, road cyclist

Route Surface: Paved roads

Staging Area / Parking: Start route from Almonte Community Centre, 182 Bridge Street, Almonte

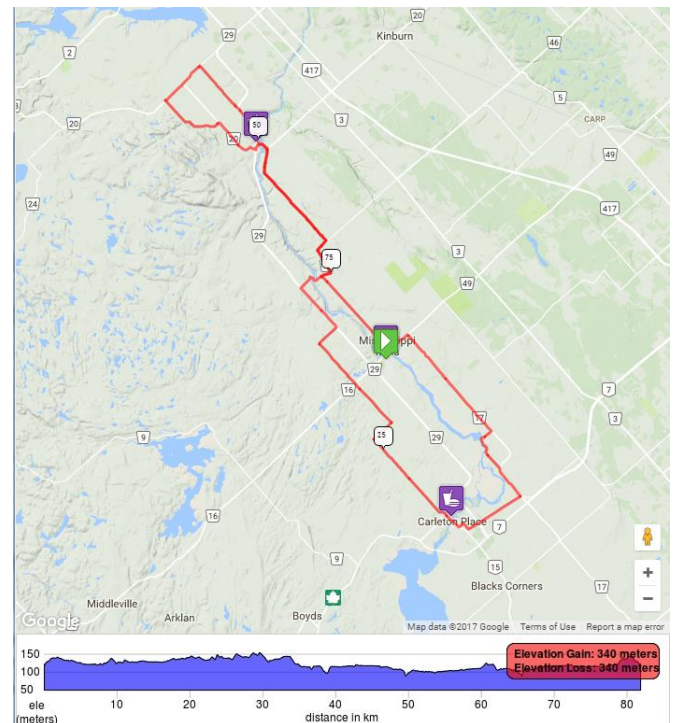
Link to Route Map:

www.ridewithgps.com/routes/20495276

www.strava.com/routes/10179137

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Route Description: There is plenty to see and slow down for on this 82km route should you wish to explore the area a little further or simply take note of favourite spots to return to later. Setting out from the historic old town of Almonte, with streets and the riverside lined by limestone mill buildings, follow the Mississippi River that is the backbone of this south then north ride. Dip into Appleton before heading into Carlton Place and crossing the river back out on to quieter country roads heading north. Before passing through the farmstead hamlet of Blakeney, mark nearby Mill of Kintail for a return visit. Pick up some speed on the flat country roads into and around Pakenham. Stop for caffeine, baked goods or ice cream in town and for a gander at the picturesque old stone bridge before rolling back to Almonte and the end of a great ride out.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Cold Drinks & Refreshment Enroute: Carlton Place, Pakenham

Pubs, Patios & Good Eats: Carlton Place, Pakenham, Almonte

Accommodations: Various in all towns, or out of town at resorts on lakes, bed and breakfasts, cottages, and motels



RIDE DAY 2: PERTH FOUR CORNERS CENTURY

Total Distance: 106km

Experience Level: Experienced, road cyclist

Route Surface: Paved roads

Staging Area / Parking: Start route from municipal parking lot at 30 Herriott Street, Perth

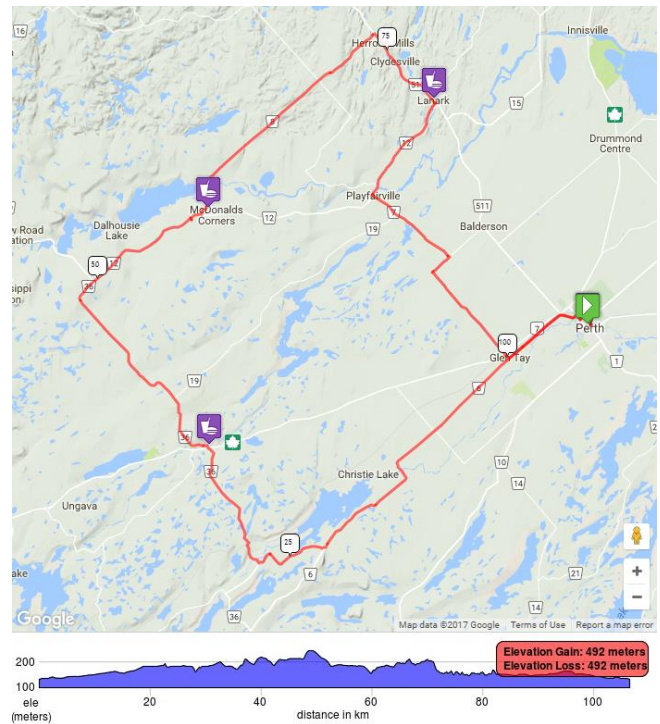
Link to Route & GPS Coordinates:

www.ridewithgps.com/routes/20495675

www.strava.com/routes/10179291

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Route Description: From convenient parking in downtown Perth ride out into the heart of Tay Valley connecting by Christie Lake Road. This long route west gets quieter and more scenic as the kilometers start to mount. Saving energy reserves for Hanna Road and north on Bolingbrook Road, towards Maberly and Elphin, this road route winds its way and cuts through a mix of eye catching rocky farmland and thick forest swaths. The 25km across flattens gradually, but not fully until Watsons Corners and south through Lanark, before looping back into Perth where some post ride stretches along the shores of this Rideau heritage river may be in order. (For a shorter loop option just north of Maberly turn onto and enjoy Bennett Lake Road across, completing the ride in 76km).

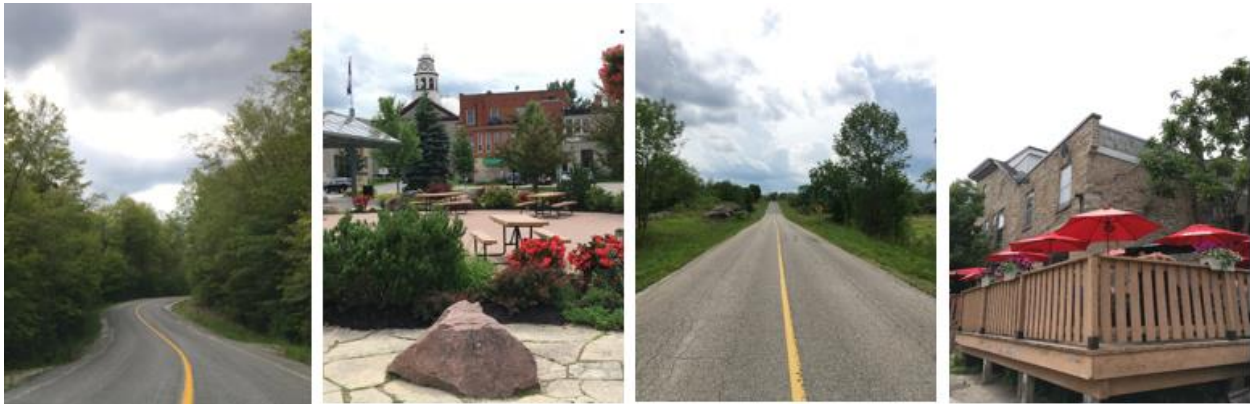


ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Cold Drinks & Refreshment Enroute: Maberly, McDonalds Corners, Lanark

Pubs, Patios & Good Eats: Maberly, Perth

Accommodations: Various in town of Perth, or out of town at resorts on lakes, bed and breakfasts, cottages, motels and camps



VISITOR INFORMATION

www.exploremississippimills.ca

www.lanarkcountytourism.com

www.comewander.ca

Lanark Cycling Map - Available online or in print at various locations. Use this map to view all recommended routes in area and/or change ride routes. Link [HERE](#).

Mississippi Mills Cycling Map - Available online or in print at various locations. Use this map to view all recommended routes in area and/or change ride routes. Link [HERE](#).

Find certified bicycle friendly accommodations and other places to stop, visit and eat, plus info and maps on trails and other routes, bike tour operators and rentals at: www.ontariobybike.ca/lanark

NOTES TO RIDERS

Cautions: Roads that may have higher traffic volumes on these routes include roads in and out of towns of Almonte, Carlton Place and Perth.

Disclaimer: These road routes are suggested routes only. All cyclists are responsible for their own safety, must use roads with caution and do so at their own risk, abiding by rules of the road and local bylaws. The routes should be evaluated by each individual cyclist based on their level of experience, weather conditions and any other factors. Ontario's Highlands Tourism Organization, Ontario By Bike / Transportation Options and all others involved in the development of this itinerary do not assume any liability whatsoever for cyclists using this information and travelling upon these routes.